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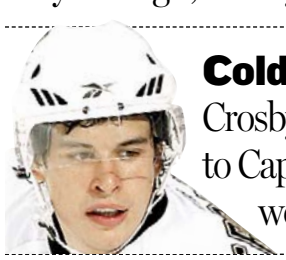

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Terps Win First ACC Title in 20 Years

NELL REDMOND/AP

TRIUMPH: Maryland's Marissa Coleman celebrates with fellow senior Kristi Toliver on Sunday after beating Duke 92-89 in overtime during the ACC championship. The league title was the first for the Maryland women's team since 1989. ✣ **Down home:** Terps topple Tobacco Road rivals in N.C. | **Page 7**

12K Troops to Exit Iraq in '09

U.S. marks September as target date for major withdrawals

BAGHDAD | About 12,000 U.S. soldiers will leave Iraq by September, officials said Sunday, hours after a Baghdad suicide bomber killed about 30 people in a chilling reminder of the nation's still-shaky security.

The withdrawals, which will most likely come from Baghdad and Anbar province, once main battlefields of the war, are the first step in keeping with President Obama's pledge to end America's role in the war.

That would bring U.S. troop levels to more than 120,000 — still a substantial force. As part of the drawdown, the U.S. will turn over 74 facilities and areas under its control to the Iraqis by the end of March. All 4,000 British soldiers remaining in Iraq are also scheduled to leave by September.

A U.S. spokesman, Maj. Gen. David Perkins, said Iraq's security has "greatly improved, moving from a very unstable to a stable position." He said violence was at its lowest level since the summer of 2003.

Sunday's attack was the worst in Baghdad in months, injuring about 60 people beyond the dozens killed. But in a news conference hours later, Perkins described it as a sign that U.S.-led coalition forces have militants on the run.

"We know that al-Qaeda, although greatly reduced in capability and numbers, still is desperate to maintain relevance here in Iraq," Perkins said. LARA JAKES (AP)

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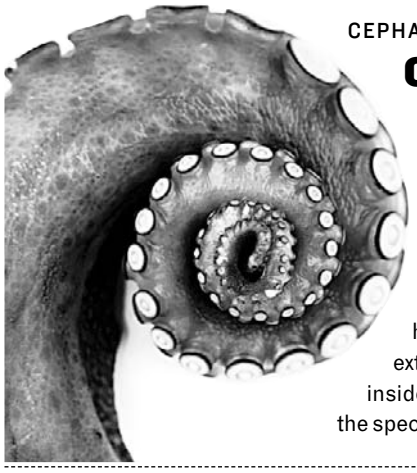

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Octomom Outshone

An "enrichment activity" for an octopus at a Boston aquarium didn't go as planned Thursday. When his lunch of crabs was locked in a smaller box inside another the size of a milk crate, impatient Truman bypassed the locks and squeezed his body through a 2-inch hole in the exterior box. He spent about 30 minutes inside, delighting guests who watched the spectacle. (AP)

NANCY CHAN/AP

INTERSPECIES LOVE

Animal Instincts

Mavrick, a 14-month-old male Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, tries to go eye to eye with Akaasha, a 6-month-old female Bengal tiger at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, Calif., on Thursday. The park's animal staff escorted the tiger cubs past the dolphin exhibit on their daily walk around the park. (AP)

CELEBRATIONS

Willard Scott Tribute Stymied by Details

Don't ask Mattie Caldwell how many candles go on her birthday cake. "I don't remember," she said. Medicare records indicate Caldwell's birth date is March 5, 1901. An old family Bible gives the same day but three years earlier, in 1898. And there's no legal record of her home birth. In any case, Caldwell is celebrating this week with friends and family at her home in Genesee County's Flint Township in Michigan. She is a great-great-great-grandma to at least seven — she stopped counting babies a while ago, too. (AP)

MOTHERING

A Meal on Wheels

An Ohio mother pleaded not guilty Thursday to a child endangerment charge filed when another driver reported the woman was breast-feeding and talking on a phone while driving. Genine Compton, 39, faces misdemeanor charges of child endangerment and unlawful child restraint. Police tracked Compton using a license plate number. They said Compton told them she was breast-feeding and wouldn't let her child go hungry. Prosecutors said the legal concern is that Compton had a young child in her lap while she was driving. (AP)

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CHEERS: Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Board is spending more than $173,000 to try to make workers more bubbly when they're selling champagne. The board says it wants to make sure clerks are saying "hello," "thank you" and "come again" to customers.

Nation

Stem Cell Limits to Be Lifted

Obama to overturn Bush's policies, create safeguards for science

WASHINGTON | President Obama's announcement Monday that he is overturning his predecessor's policies toward embryonic stem cells also will include a broad declaration that science — not political ideology — would guide his administration.

Obama

Obama planned to reverse former President George W. Bush's limits on federally funded stem cell research and direct the National Institutes of Health to put in place safeguards so science is protected from political interference. The moves would fulfill a campaign promise.

"We've got eight years of science to make up for," said Dr. Curt Civin, whose research allowed scientists to isolate stem cells and who now serves as the founding director of the University of Maryland Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine.

Bush limited taxpayer money for stem cell research to a small number of stem cell lines that were created before Aug. 9, 2001. PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)

Gunman Kills Pastor in Ill. Church

Police say Bible was used to deflect bullets during Sunday sermon

MARYVILLE, ILL. | A pastor shot and killed during his Sunday sermon deflected the first of the gunman's four rounds with a Bible, spraying a confetti of paper into the air during a horrifying scene that congregants initially thought was a skit, police said.

The gunman strode down the aisle of the First Baptist Church shortly after 8 a.m. and briefly spoke with the Rev. Fred Winters before pulling out a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol and shooting at the pastor, Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent said.

"We thought it was part of a drama skit. ... When he shot, what you saw was confetti," said congregant Linda Cunningham, whose husband is a minister of adult education at the church. "We just sat there waiting for what comes next, not realizing that he had wounded the pastor."

MARCI WINTERS-MCLAUGHLIN/EDWARDSVILLE INTELLIGENCER/AP

Churchgoers comfort each other at the First Baptist Church in Maryville, Ill., Sunday after a gunman fatally shot their pastor.

The weapon jammed before the man could fire again, Trent said. The attacker then pulled out a four-inch knife, stabbing himself and two men who tackled him, he said.

Winters was pronounced dead at Anderson Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Natalie Head said.

Authorities didn't know whether Winters, a married father of two who had led the church for nearly 22 years, and the gunman knew each other. No one at the church seemed to recognize the 27-year-old gunman. Police would not release his name pending possible charges. JIM SUHR (AP)

HEARSAY | ECONOMY

"I think, fundamentally, the economy is weak. This has been, you know, eight years in the making. ... It's going to take some time to work our way out of it."

—PETER ORSZAG
PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TOP BUDGET OFFICIAL, WARNING OBAMA'S FINANCIAL PREDICTIONS MAY NEED REVISION LATER THIS YEAR.

Obama Taps 3 for Treasury Posts

WASHINGTON | President Obama has chosen three people to join the senior ranks of the Treasury Department, where a slow pace of hiring has put the agency on the defensive.

The White House on Sunday said Obama is nominating David S. Cohen to be assistant secretary in dealing with terrorist financing, Alan B. Krueger for assistant secretary for economic policy and Kim N. Wallace as assistant secretary for legislative affairs.

Each nominee is already serving as a counselor to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. All three are now subject to Senate confirmation. (AP)

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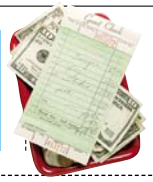

BIG TIP: Millionaire Bruce Lindsay, who died last month at 79, bequeathed his estate to Vanguard University in Orange County, Calif. He ate daily at the school's cafeteria for decades.

KEVIN CLARK/TWP

The nation's 14 largest subway systems, including D.C.'s Metro, above, had a ridership increase in 2008, a new survey says.

Survey: Transit Use Soars

Group says ridership level hits highest mark in more than 50 years

Despite falling gas prices and an economic recession, record numbers of Americans rode subways, buses and commuter rail last year, boosting public transportation ridership to its highest level in 52 years, according to a survey to be released on Monday by the American Public Transportation Association.

Advocates say the ridership figures show growing support for public transportation. They hope to use that support to push for additional federal funding beyond the $8.4 billion set aside in stimulus money for transit. More investment in transit not only helps the economy, transit groups say, but also helps the environment and energy independence.

10.7

The number, in billions, of transit trips taken by Americans last year, according to the APTA survey released Monday.

"Now, more than ever, the value of public transportation is evident, and the public has clearly demonstrated that they want and need more public transit services," said APTA President William M. Millar.

The 10.7 billion transit trips Americans took last year jumped 4 percent over the number of trips taken in 2007; at the same time, Americans drove measurably less, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The APTA survey found ridership increased last year across the board. Ridership rose on all 14 of the nation's largest subway systems (3.5 percent), 20 of 21 commuter rail systems (4.7 percent), and 20 of 26 light rail systems (8.3 percent). Some of the big increases were in places not considered huge transit cities such as South Florida, Dallas and Salt Lake City.

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PAPAL PLANS: Pope Benedict XVI will visit the Middle East in May, he announced Sunday. The May 8-15 tour will include stops in Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories. Benedict also will travel to Africa from March 17 to 23.

World

In Brief

ZHANG BINYANG/XINHUA/AP

North Koreans receive ballots to vote in the country's parliamentary elections.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

North Koreans Vote for Next Rubber-Stamp Parliament

North Koreans lined up Sunday to vote for the country's next rubber-stamp parliament, endorsing candidates hand-picked by the ruling party in a poll closely watched for signs of a political shift or hints leader Kim Jong Il has anointed a successor. Sunday's election was largely a formality, since only one candidate is listed on the ballot in each constituency. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Former Israeli President Katsav to Face Rape Charges

Former Israeli president Moshe Katsav will be charged with raping a woman who once worked for him and other sex crimes against former female employees, the Justice Ministry said Sunday. The charges stem from a series of complaints filed by four women who worked for Katsav when he was tourism minister in the 1990s and president earlier this decade. (AP)

Katsav

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

PM Leaves Zimbabwe For Treatment After Crash

Zimbabwe's prime minister, injured in a car crash that killed his wife on Friday, has left his troubled homeland for medical treatment in Botswana, an official of that neighboring country said Sunday. Clifford Maribe, spokesman for Botswana's foreign ministry, said Morgan Tsvangirai arrived in Botswana Saturday, a day after the crash. (AP)

Dozens Die in Iraq Suicide Bombing

32 people killed in blast at a fortified police academy in Baghdad

HADI MIZBAN/AP

Relatives transport a coffin of a man who was killed in a suicide bombing outside a police station in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday.

BAGHDAD | A Baghdad suicide bomber killed 32 people in a chilling reminder of Iraq's still-shaky security Sunday, only hours after American officials announced 12,000 U.S. soldiers will leave Iraq by September.

The suicide bomber detonated his explosives as he drove his motorcycle into a group of people, many of them police recruits, waiting near a side entrance of Baghdad's main police academy in a mainly Shiite area of the city.

The heavily fortified academy has been hit by several bombings. A Dec. 1 suicide bombing there killed at least 33 and wounded dozens, including four U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi general.

Iraqi and U.S. forces sealed off the scene Sunday, allowing only ambulances and fire engines to enter. Nervous Iraqi troops fired into the air to prevent onlookers and reporters from getting too close to the scene.

Haitham Fadhel said he was standing in one of three lines of recruits arriving for their first day of special guard training courses at the academy. He was knocked unconscious and was wounded by shrapnel, but called himself lucky. Two of his friends were killed.

"We were feeling secure as we were waiting in a well-guarded area," said Fadhel, 24, from the mainly Shiite neighborhood of New Baghdad. "Before the explosion occurred, I heard a loud shout saying 'Stop, stop, where are you going?' Seconds later, a huge explosion shook the area."

"I am just wondering how a big security breach can occur in such a secured area," Fadhel said.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast but suicide bombings are the signature attack of Sunni religious extremists, including al-Qaeda. LARA JAKES (AP)

N. Ireland Leaders Wary After Attack

Government says IRA dissidents are trying to ruin young coalition

PETER MORRISON/AP

A man on Sunday leaves flowers near an army base in Antrim, Northern Ireland, where Irish Republican Army dissidents fatally shot two British soldiers Saturday.

ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND | Catholic and Protestant congregations prayed together for peace Sunday after IRA dissidents killed two British soldiers as they collected pizzas — the first deadly attack on Northern Ireland security forces in 12 years.

The leaders of the territory's Catholic-Protestant administration warned that Irish Republican Army dissidents were trying to tear apart their young coalition and drag Northern Ireland back toward its bloody past.

The leaders postponed a U.S. trip to deal with the crisis but expect to meet with President Obama on St. Patrick's Day as planned.

Police said two dissidents with assault rifles opened fire Saturday night from a car as four soldiers — who were just hours away from being deployed to Afghanistan — met two Domino's Pizza delivery men at the entrance of the Massereene army barracks in Antrim, west of Belfast.

All four were wounded, two fatally. Also shot were the two deliverymen, a local teenager who was seriously wounded and a 32-year-old Polish immigrant left in critical condition.

An Irish newspaper, the Sunday Tribune, said it received a claim of responsibility in a phone call from the Real IRA splinter group. The newspaper said the caller, who used a code word to verify he was authorized to speak for the gang, defended the shooting. SHAWN POGATCHNIK (AP)

HISTORY OF ATROCITIES

- ➜ The Real IRA was responsible for the deadliest terror attack in Northern Ireland history: a 1998 car bombing of the town of Omagh that killed 29 people, mostly women and children.
- ➜ The IRA killed nearly 1,800 people from 1970 to 1997 in a failed bid to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom and into the Republic of Ireland.
- ➜ The group disarmed and renounced violence in 2005.

Local

METER DEFEATER: The D.C. Department of Transportation is implementing a pilot program that allows residents in the Mount Pleasant area in Ward 1 to get a one-year parking pass for their visitors, according to WTOP. The program has been under way since 2007 in Ward 4.

In Brief

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Trail Advocates Organize Tour to Protest Purple Line

Advocates of a popular wooded trail are asking state officials to reconsider a proposed light rail linking Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The Purple Line would connect Bethesda with New Carrollton. The project already has the backing of both county councils. But opponents say the light-rail line would run primarily along the Georgetown Branch Trail, destroying several acres of trees. They organized a run and walking tour Saturday dubbed No Rail on the Trail to highlight their concerns. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Police Officer Involved In Fatal Southeast Shooting

D.C. police are investigating a fatal police-involved shooting in Southeast Washington. Police say 34-year-old Jelani Slay of Clinton, Md., died after he allegedly tried to rob an off-duty police officer early Sunday. Officials say Slay was armed and wearing a mask when he approached the officer, who was in his personal vehicle in the 5300 block of B Street. The officer came out of his car and exchanged gunfire with a man alleged to be Slay, who left by foot. Authorities found Slay nearby and took him to the D.C. medical examiner's office, where he was pronounced dead. (AP)

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Thousands Try Out for 'Top Model'

Shorter women attend D.C. casting call for spot on modeling show

The economy is shrinking, and so are the fashion models.

Several thousand "America's Next Top Model" wannabes poured into downtown Washington Saturday for a chance to be plucked from obscurity for the first cycle of the popular reality TV show to give a chance to short women — well, women who are shorter than the average model.

"D.C.'s off the chain," casting director Michelle Mock-Falcon happily wrote in a text message to the show's producers when she saw the line outside the Renaissance M Street Hotel, at New Hampshire Avenue and M Street NW. It wrapped around the block and back again, rivaling the turnout in New York.

On the winning end was a chance to live in a house with cameras chronicling every interaction with a bunch of strangers and constant critiques from a panel of judges, and supermodel and entrepreneur Tyra Banks. The show airs on the CW network and locally on WDCW-TV (Channel 50).

"It is my dream," said Janee Johnson, 18, a high school senior from Baltimore who came with her mother, Renee. "I want it really bad."

"Modeling is my passion," said Chiquita Butler, 20, a student at Prince George's Community College. She's 5 feet 3 inches tall and said she's glad shorter women are getting a chance at modeling.

In the world of high-fashion modeling, Butler and Warren would, indeed, be considered short. Most models are at least 5 feet 8 inches tall, and more often a little taller. Banks, who show officials say is heavily involved in choosing contestants, is 5 feet 10 inches tall. That's why, in the first 12 cycles of the show, all contestants were supposed to be at least 5 feet 7 inches.

But in a world where old paradigms are crumbling, Banks decided to take on the modeling height taboo. The first 12 winners won under rules that required contestants to be 5 feet 7 inches or taller. For the season that will be filmed this summer and aired in the fall, the rules changed to 5 feet 7 inches or shorter.

Yes, it was because Banks is often approached by height-challenged women who want a chance, too. Besides, said casting manager Lisi Alpert, supermodel Kate Moss is 5 feet 7 inches. After all, contestants and officials said, the show — which provides the winner with a big modeling contract — isn't just a show.

"It gives people hopes and dreams and an escape from reality," Alpert said. VALERIE STRAUSS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

JUANA ARIAS/FTWP

Jawanna Hardy, 21, of Washington, D.C., holds a sign as she waits in line during a casting call for "America's Next Top Model" at the Renaissance M Street Hotel in NW D.C.

JUANA ARIAS/FTWP

Danyale Hairston, 19, gives herself a last look before going to the casting call.

> "It gives people hopes and dreams and an escape from reality."
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> **LISI ALPERT**, CASTING MANAGER

YOU MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE

5 feet 7 inches

Previously: The first 12 winners of "America's Next Top Model" competed under rules requiring models to be at least this tall to participate.

Now: An upcoming season, based on feedback that host Tyra Banks has received from shorter women, will feature only models shorter than this.

UDC Plans to Cut Education Program

Department may be discontinued due to a low graduation rate

The University of the District of Columbia plans to shut down its struggling undergraduate Department of Education, which, officials say, is out of touch with current thinking on how to train teachers and fails to graduate the vast majority of its students.

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

President Allen Sessoms' plan would close UDC's Department of Education.

Usually, only 7 or 8 percent of the students who enroll in the department have graduated from it within six years, according to UDC data. Professors said that's primarily because many cannot pass a national standardized test of basic high school-level reading, writing and math skills.

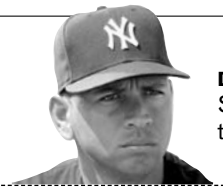
In the early childhood education major, an average of only four to six of the approximately 150 students graduate each year.

Though the statistics include students who transfer to other majors or schools, "that's an extraordinarily low number. ... It's scary," said UDC President Allen Sessoms.

"The students who do graduate are excellent. The trouble is, hardly anyone graduates."

Sessoms' proposal has angered some professors and students who defend the major, praise the long history of teacher education in D.C. and say D.C. public schools need teachers who are trained here.

SUSAN KINZIE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



DEEP CUT: Could this be karma for admitting to steroid use? Alex Rodriguez said on Sunday that he will have arthroscopic hip surgery Monday and is expected to miss six to nine weeks. The Yankees slugger will need more surgery after the season.

Sports

AU Ekes Out Victory Over Army

Gilmore's foul shot with 3.6 seconds left keeps the Eagles alive

AU HOOPS | Brian Gilmore scored 19 points and made one of his two free throws with 3.6 seconds left to lead American University to a 61-60 win against Army in the Patriot League semifinals on Sunday afternoon.

Gilmore also hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 60 with 42 seconds left. Earlier in the second half, Gilmore reeled off 12 straight points to pull American (23-7) back from an 11-point deficit.

Garrison Carr scored 17 for the Eagles, who have now won 12 straight games — and 11 in a row at home. American will host the Patriot League championship on Friday as it attempts to repeat last year's NCAA Tournament bid.

Cleveland Richard led Army (11-19) with 16 points, but his final half-court shot at the buzzer fell just short of the rim. Josh Miller scored 15.

Army held a 60-57 lead with just under a minute left when Miller drove and American's Jordan Nichols blocked the shot. The Eagles pushed the ball up court and Gilmore's 3-pointer tied the game.

The Eagles wll play Holy Cross on Friday for the league title. (AP)

CHUCK BURTON/AP

Maryland's Marissa Coleman, top, flies over Duke's Karima Christmas during the Terps' 92-89 ACC championship victory.

Terps Top Devils for Title

Maryland wins first ACC tournament in 20 years in OT thriller

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | Using the tip in a pep talk by former Terrapins football star LaMont Jordan, Maryland's players converged at midcourt before the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game Sunday and started to scuff the league logo.

"He said every time he went into New York he always went to the 50-yard line and marked his territory," senior guard Kristi Toliver said. "So that's what we were kind of doing in North Carolina."

After knocking off four-time defending champion North Carolina and rival Duke on consecutive days, Tobacco Road — and the ACC — belong to the fourth-ranked Terrapins.

Marisa Coleman had 28 points and 15 rebounds, Toliver added 24 points and Maryland captured its first ACC title in 20 years with a 92-89 overtime victory over No. 8 Duke on Sunday.

A day after ending the Tar Heels' run of dominance, the Terrapins (28-4) likely locked up a No. 1 seed for the NCAA tournament by holding off the Blue Devils (26-5) in the biggest game between the teams since the 2006 NCAA final.

"To beat two teams of that caliber in the state of North Carolina is huge for us," Toliver said. "We'll take that confidence into the NCAA without a doubt." MIKE CRANSTON (AP)

'Noles Hand Hokies a Crippling Loss

Virginia Tech's NCAA hopes take major hit in 65-53 road defeat

HOKIES HOOPS | Toney Douglas scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half, leading No. 24 Florida State to a 63-53 win over Virginia Tech on Sunday and giving the Seminoles their first opening-round bye in the ACC tournament.

Douglas, the top scorer in conference play at more than 23 points per game, scored a dozen points in just over four minutes after the Hokies pulled within 45-42. That gave the Seminoles a 59-49 lead, and they cruised from there.

Florida State (23-8, 10-6) led 32-25 after a ragged first half in which the two teams combined for 23 turnovers and the Hokies shot just 24 percent.

A.D. Vassallo scored 14 points to lead Virginia Tech (17-13, 7-9), whose hopes of reaching the NCAA tournament suffered a major setback.

The Seminoles' 23 wins are their most since the 1992-93 team that finished 25-10 before being eliminated in the NCAA's round of eight by Kentucky. No ACC team with 10 league wins has ever failed to make the NCAA tournament.

Florida State was up by as many as 14 points on two occasions in the first half, but several unforced errors kept the Seminoles from building a larger lead. The Seminoles swept the season series, besting the Hokies 67-65 in Blacksburg, Va., on Feb. 21. (AP)

STEVE CANNON/AP

Virginia Tech's Jeff Allen defends Florida State's Toney Douglas on Sunday.

In Brief

STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

No. 7 Duke and Gerald Henderson, left, fell to Tyler Hansbrough and No. 2 UNC.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

No. 2 North Carolina Downs No. 7 Duke to Win ACC Title

Tyler Hansbrough scored 17 points in his final home game to help No. 2 North Carolina beat No. 7 Duke 79-71 Sunday and win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title. Ty Lawson added 13 points and several key plays late for the Tar Heels (27-3, 13-3 ACC), who earned the top seed for next week's league tournament in Atlanta. North Carolina shot 53 percent for the game and led most of the second half for its sixth win in seven meetings with Duke. (AP)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Maynor Powers VCU Past ODU 61-53 in CAA Semis

Eric Maynor scored 13 of his 23 points in the second half and top-seeded Virginia Commonwealth advanced to the championship game of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament with a 61-53 victory against Old Dominion on Saturday. VCU (23-9) will play either George Mason or Towson for the championship Monday. The later game ended after Express' deadline. (AP)

SOCCER

AC Milan, L.A. Galaxy Reach Deal for Beckham to Return

David Beckham will remain on loan with AC Milan for the remainder of the season. Beckham and the Los Angeles Galaxy announced late Saturday that the club had struck a "multimillion dollar deal" to enable the former England captain to remain with the Italian Serie A club until the season ends, then return to the Galaxy in July. The Galaxy had sought $10 million for the outright purchase of Beckham, but Milan officials had offered $3 million. (AP)

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Sports

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The Penguins' Sidney Crosby, right, brings the puck up the ice as the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin, left, trails the play during the first period of the game on Sunday.

Crosby, Penguins Shoot Past Caps

Pittsburgh gets sixth in a row; Washington losing streak now at 4

CAPITALS | A lot less talk, a lot more action. Unlike their last meeting, Sidney Crosby avoided any face-to-face confrontations with fellow MVP Alex Ovechkin on Sunday, instead producing a goal and assist in regulation, then the shootout winner to help Pittsburgh edge Washington 4-3 — the Penguins' sixth consecutive victory and the Capitals' fourth consecutive loss.

After Crosby lifted his shot over goalie Jose Theodore's glove side for the only score of the shootout, Ovechkin's attempt to extend the game was thwarted by Marc-Andre Fleury's kick save. Fleury earlier stopped shots by Alexander Semin and Viktor Kozlov.

The result allowed surging Pittsburgh to complete the first 5-0 road trip in franchise history. The Southeast Division-leading Capitals, meanwhile, have their longest losing streak under coach Bruce Boudreau — and all four of the defeats have come at home, against teams below them in the standings.

In regulation, Ovechkin scored his league-leading 47th goal, and Crosby got his 25th. Pittsburgh built a 3-1 lead as Sergei Gonchar and trade-deadline pickup Bill Guerin tallied in the second period. But Ovechkin and Brooks Laich tied it with goals 49 seconds apart in the third. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (8 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards end a brutal road trip against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

LOCAL MEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) The winner of the CAA tournament punches a ticket to the NCAA tournament.

MORE MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN; 9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Championship games of the Southern Conference, West Coast Conference and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (5 P.M. ON ESPN2) The championship game of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Carolina Hurricanes host the New York Rangers.

BASEBALL (5:30 A.M. ON ESPN2) Japan faces South Korea in the World Baseball Classic.

SUPER SALES: "Watchmen," a superhero movie based on a cult comic book series, overpowered the weekend box office, selling an estimated $55.7 million in tickets. The flick grossed $4.6 million at Friday midnight screenings.

Entertainment

RON PHILLIPS

ON A MISSION: Alexander Ludwig, Dwayne Johnson, AnnaSophia Robb and Carla Gugino in "Escape to Witch Mountain."

Powerful Pair

Two teens star in a magic-filled remake of 'Witch Mountain'

FRESH FACES | Though they finished making "Race to Witch Mountain" several months ago, 15-year-old AnnaSophia Robb and 16-year-old Alexander Ludwig are still behaving like sister and brother. On a Las Vegas stopover to promote the Disney science-fiction adventure, they decided to unwind by riding the roller coaster atop the Stratosphere, the tallest hotel in the city. Robb, the lovely young actress from "Bridge to Terabithia" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," admits she was a little fearful, but Ludwig, a self-described "adrenaline junkie" wasn't about to let her off the hook.

"He dragged me along," Robb explains.

"I'm not going to lie," adds Ludwig. "I was a little scared, too. But it was awesome."

For this fearless twosome, it was a return to Sin City, where they filmed part of the movie with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson last year.

The action-fueled feature is a reimagining of 1975's "Escape to Witch Mountain," opening Friday, about a pair of kids with extraordinary powers. In this update, Robb and Ludwig play sibling space aliens who land in Nevada to save their own planet and Earth. Their mission: Retrieve a device left by their parents and return it to their planet.

But their spacecraft has been impounded by the U.S. government and locked up in a secret laboratory inside a remote location called Witch Mountain. The kids are picked up by a cabdriver, who unwittingly becomes involved in the assignment. The kids, Seth and Sara, possess extraordinary powers. Sara is a telepath and can move objects with her mind, and Seth can move through or stop solid objects by changing the density of his body.

Both actors say they would love to possess the power of telepathy.

"In Las Vegas, you could use that power to read a card dealer's mind," Robb says. The Colorado native finds it fun to be part of the "Witch Mountain" project. "I'm excited I get to be part of the next chapter."

Working alongside Johnson, a former professional wrestler, was a thrill for his two young co-stars.

"I remember the first time I saw him, I thought, 'He's so tall,'" Robb recalls.

She and Ludwig found their grown-up co-star to be a lot of fun. "He's really been like an older brother to me," Ludwig says.

Their roles also required a lot of energy. "This is definitely more action than I'd previously done," says Robb. "But it was so much fun." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

AP

The Beatles' version of the Rock Band video game will debut on Sept. 9.

The Best Rock Band In History

The Beatles are next in line for immortality through a video game

VIDEO GAME | Rock Band is getting perhaps the greatest rock group of all time: the Beatles.

The Beatles' management said Thursday that a Beatles version of the Rock Band video game will debut Sept. 9. In addition, it'll sell instruments modeled after the ones used by the band.

This is the first time Rock Band has based a game on one group, according to MTV Games. It has not yet been determined which Beatles songs will be included.

Representatives of the Beatles and Rock Band had been planning a collaboration for months, and, initially, the final project was not supposed to be a Rock Band game.

But MTV Games said in a statement: "As we moved through the creative process, it just seemed to make sense to highlight the association between the Beatles game and the Rock Band franchise."

Giles Martin, son of Beatles producer George Martin, is developing the product. The Beatles, who broke up nearly four decades ago, have been slow in embracing new technology: Their music is still not available for sale on iTunes. (AP)

Barbie's Real-Life Dream House

The plastic icon gets a birthday gift that's a few sizes too big

PINK | Barbie's Malibu Dream House is coming true.

On the eve of her 50th birthday, interior decorator Jonathan Adler has decked out a real-life 3,500-square-foot pad overlooking the Pacific Ocean to look like the blond doll's outrageous home.

Adler said outfitting the sleek mansion took six months of planning and a few weeks to install.

"Barbie was a dream client because she doesn't exist," Adler said. "She exists as fantasy and is the perfect client because she's always happy and loves everything."

Adler lined Barbie's bedroom with wall-to-wall pink carpeting emblazoned with her initial. The closet is filled with 50 pairs of pink peep-toe heels and her kitchen is stocked with cupcake-making ingredients. In the garage? A pink Volkswagen New Beetle with a motorized pop-up vanity in the trunk.

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Barbie's fantasy home has been re-created on grand scale by Jonathan Adler.

"I think this really is Barbie's Malibu Dream House because the setting is so incredibly dreamy and ethereal," Adler said. "We're perched on a cliff in Malibu overlooking the ocean. It's a fantasyland. It was difficult to find the house to celebrate Barbie's 50th birthday because it had to be the ultimate Malibu house, and I think we found it." DERRIK J. LANG (AP)

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JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 1:55, 3:55, 6:00, 8:00, 10:20

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STREET FIGHTER: THE LEGEND OF CHUN-LI (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
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TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 9:55
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 1:05, 3:55, 7:05, 9:35
FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 9:10 PM
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
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THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 7:35
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A BIG-TOP TIPPER: Britney Spears, 27, is donating $100,000 to the Miami Children's Hospital's Big Apple Circus Clown Care program. The program provides patients with treatment — and laughs — from clowns with medical training.

Girls Come First

The CW network sets its sights on a young audience of females

AUDIENCE | Somewhere in Hollywood, writers are polishing the pilot episode for a "Gossip Girl" spin-off set in a distant time that much of the CW network's target audience has no memory of — the 1980s.

Teenage angst is teenage angst, and the CW expects that its viewers can appreciate it, no matter the era. The not-yet-titled spin-off is a flashback to the youthful years of Lily van der Woodsen, the mom of Blake Lively's "Gossip Girl" character.

GIOVANI RUFFINO/THE CW

MODEL SUBJECTS: The CW is prepping content to attract young female viewers.

The three-year-old television network is betting its future on the whims of young women, almost to the exclusion of everybody else. By designing a schedule that appeals to them, the CW hopes to build an identity where there really hasn't been one in the three years that it's been operating.

"We really needed to stand out in the marketplace and not be another broadcaster," said Dawn Ostroff, CW entertainment president.

There were high hopes at parent companies Time Warner Inc. and CBS Corp. when the old WB and UPN networks shut down and combined into a single entity with the best programs from each. But it has never come anywhere near being a network on par with ABC, CBS, NBC or Fox.

Even the numbers during this season are alarming: The CW's average of 2 million prime-time viewers is down 24 percent from the year before, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The network is betting its future on the whims of young women.

Ostroff said she never sensed that the CW's survival has been at real risk. "It was important for us to find our niche, no doubt about it," she said.

"It was important for us to differentiate and create a brand that, hopefully, will be a real legacy here."

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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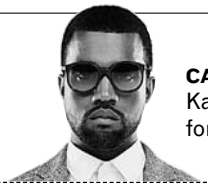


CAN YE DIG IT? "American Idol" is about to get a double dose of star power: Kanye West and Kelly Clarkson. The Grammy winners will share the stage as performers during Wednesday's elimination show.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

STEVE-O SHAKES AND MOVES
DANCING WITH THE STARS (8 p.m., ABC) returns.

HOUSE MEETS HIS MATCH
A new patient (Jay Karnes) has no internal censor on **HOUSE** (8 p.m., Fox).

VIOLENCE FOR TOTS!
Just how do you get the kids hooked on history? Sadism! Blending animation and live action, **BATTLES B.C.** (9 p.m., History) offers a blood-soaked comic-book approach to military history.

EXPLORING ROOTS
Sylar returns to his origins on **HEROES** (9 p.m., NBC).

NO CHANGE HERE
The White House remains in disarray on **24** (9 p.m., Fox).

FAST LIVING
A drug binge leaves many victims on **SAVING GRACE** (10 p.m., TNT).

ACTIVISM IN WRITING
Nathaniel Frank, author of "Unfriendly Fire: How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America," is on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central).

PARTY ANIMAL, ANIMAL GUY
Russell Brand and Jack Hanna appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

CRAIG SJODIN/ABC

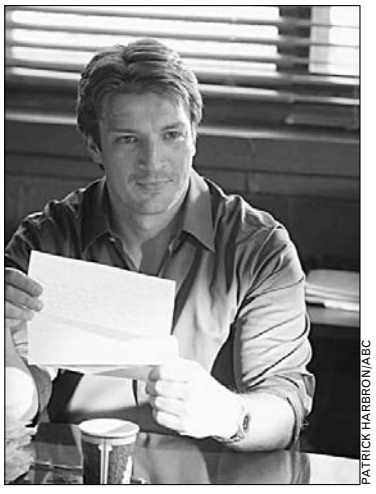
Olympian Shawn Johnson balances and beams on "Dancing With the Stars."

Lights off in a Dull 'Castle'

Intellect and appeal are absent from ABC's mystery-writer series

BOREDOM | Is "Castle" (10 p.m., ABC) DOA? I couldn't find a pulse. Mystery writer Richard Castle (Nathan Fillion) is so bored with his career that he kills off a major character behind a best-selling mystery franchise. Even his professional rivals (real-life mystery writers James Patterson and Stephen J. Cannell, who cameo as themselves) seem dumbfounded.

Castle snaps out of his creative funk when he's informed that a killer has been using his novels as blueprints for a series of gruesome crimes. The first leaves a fetching corpse covered in rose petals. Apparently, Castle and the killer were big fans of "American Beauty."



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Nathan Fillion plays tortured mystery writer Richard Castle tonight on ABC.

Enter NYPD Detective Kate Beckett (Stana Katic, "The Spirit"), a tough, attractive police officer who doesn't fall for Castle's brand of sweet talk. As soon as you can say "Moonlighting," the novelist cracks wise as he trails her team in pursuit of the killer.

And before episode's end, forces conspire to allow Castle to collaborate with an uptight Beckett on an ongoing basis. She might not be amusing, but she's his muse now.

Chemistry is a problem. She's pretty enough but basically a drag. And he's an idiot, except when he's not. Beckett sums up Castle rather nicely as "a 9-year-old on a sugar rush." It says something when the cop is more facile with words than the writer, and the novelist has better detective skills than the entire police force. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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A Purim to Remember

Celebrate the Jewish holiday that centers on alcohol, not food

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HAPPY HOURS | Right around the time observant Christians settle into their Lenten routines comes what some folks like to call "Jewish Mardi Gras": Purim.

Technically, it's a celebration of the day in the sixth century B.C. when Queen Esther saved the Jewish people from massacre. It's the day that the faithful are allowed — nay, encouraged — to become massively intoxicated. The rule is, you're supposed to drink wine until you can't distinguish between the phrases "arur Haman" and "baruch Mordechai." If you want a purely D.C. version, drink until you can't tell the difference between "Joe Lieberman" and "Rahm Emanuel."

SUSAN BIDDLE / TWP

You can celebrate the festival of Purim with drink after drink at Nellie's Sports Bar.

To achieve this level of intoxication, you're going to need places where you can drink for hours without blowing your monthly budget.

Luckily, it's Monday night, so you can just take Metro to Duffy's, an Irish pub where all cans of beer are $1 between 4 p.m. and midnight on Mondays. Besides, spending Purim in an Irish bar is a great way to test your drunkenness, because you'll have to explain the Purim legend over and over. If you can still coherently tell the story of Queen Esther, you need another beer.

If you need more than cans of PBR to get yourself properly plastered, try the Beat-the-Clock happy hour at Nellie's, where bottled beers, rail vodka and Miller Lite are $1 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and prices rise $1 every hour thereafter until 8 p.m. Then, take yourself to Ceiba to partake of its late-night happy hour: Special cocktails are $5 from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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The Way of The Warrior

Ever wanted to be able to fight like James Bond? Well, maybe you don't have time to train nonstop for six months, but, luckily, you probably won't be fighting off villains that are as dastardly as his nemeses. Nonetheless, you can learn the basics of stage combat tonight at the National Theatre as part of its series of Monday events. Local fight choreographer and stunt double Robb Hunter will give a seminar on how to make fake fighting look real. At the very least, your kids could freak out their grandparents with their newly acquired (harmless) skills in violence. F.Z.

→ *National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., free; 202-628-6161. (Metro Center)*

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CHEIM & READ

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Fresh Pain, Long Life

Louise Bourgeois' work is infused with pain, with feelings so deep and raw that most of us could never admit to having them. A major retrospective of her work, hosted by the Hirshhorn, covers 60 years of the artist's career and follows her through all the sorrows and joys of her life. The menacing "Crouching Spider" sculpture that graces the museum's courtyard is just the beginning of a long, strange trip through Bourgeois' work. F.Z.

→ *Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue and Seventh Street SW; through May 17, free; 202-633-1000. (Smithsonian)*

DC INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Independents' Days

Film festivals can be overwhelming, so the D.C. Independent Film Festival assigns each day a manageable theme, buttressed by a musical performance and a happy hour at Union Station. Today's theme is "Middle East," and the lineup includes "Demons of Cairo," pictured, an expose of the lives of homeless kids in Egypt's largest city, and some short films. "Cino Latino" and "the Environment" are some of the other themes on the docket for this week. F.Z.

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→ *Phoenix Theatres Union Station 9, 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE, through March 15, $11; 202-842-4455. (Union Station)*

Compiled by Express' Karmah Elmusa and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day at **Expressnightout.com/topstops.**

thescene

KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

HIPPIE-CHIC: Stevie Nicks is on tour with her iconic band, Fleetwood Mac.

TUESDAY

Tamim Al Barghouti: The famed Palestinian political poet reads from his extensive body of work at the Millennium Stage as part of the Kennedy Center's Arabesque festival. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Fleetwood Mac: Yesterday's gone, sure, but Stevie Nicks et al are on the road again with their classic rock hits. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; 8 p.m., $49.50-$149.50; 202-397-7328. (Gallery Place)

WEDNESDAY

'The Divine Comedy': Synetic Theater's take on Dante's trilogy is sure to include dancing , damnation and demons. You'll see why it's been a classic since the early 14th century. Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; through March 21, $15-$40; 703-824-8060. (Rosslyn)

'Don Quixote': The Russian Ballet Company hits Rockville as part of its first big U.S. tour. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 8 p.m., $44; 240-567-5301.

THURSDAY

The Airborne Toxic Event: What's special about this up-and-coming L.A. indie-rock band? The band's founders are both writers, and that's evident in their intense, introspective lyrics. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., $10-$13; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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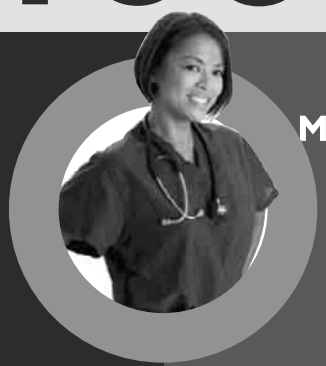

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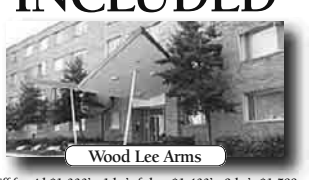
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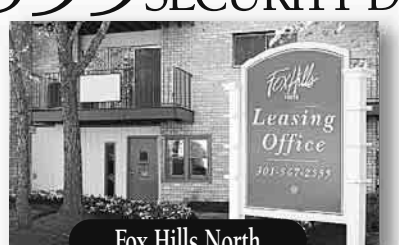

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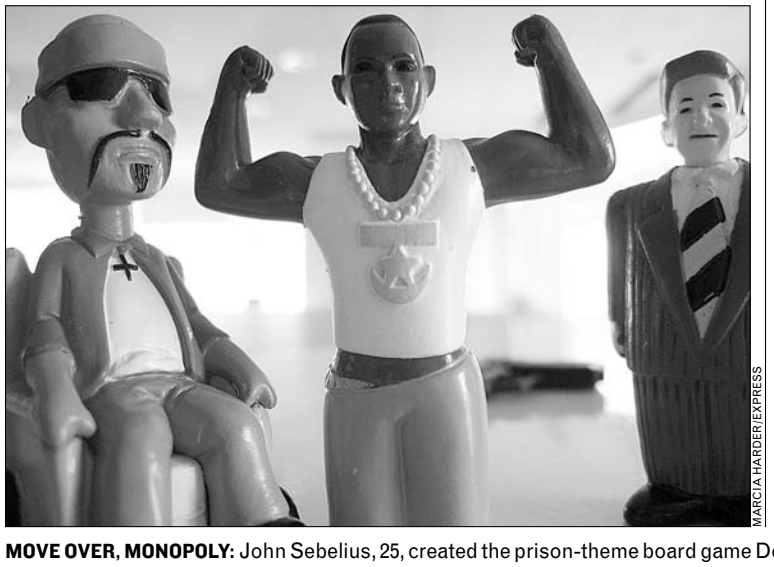

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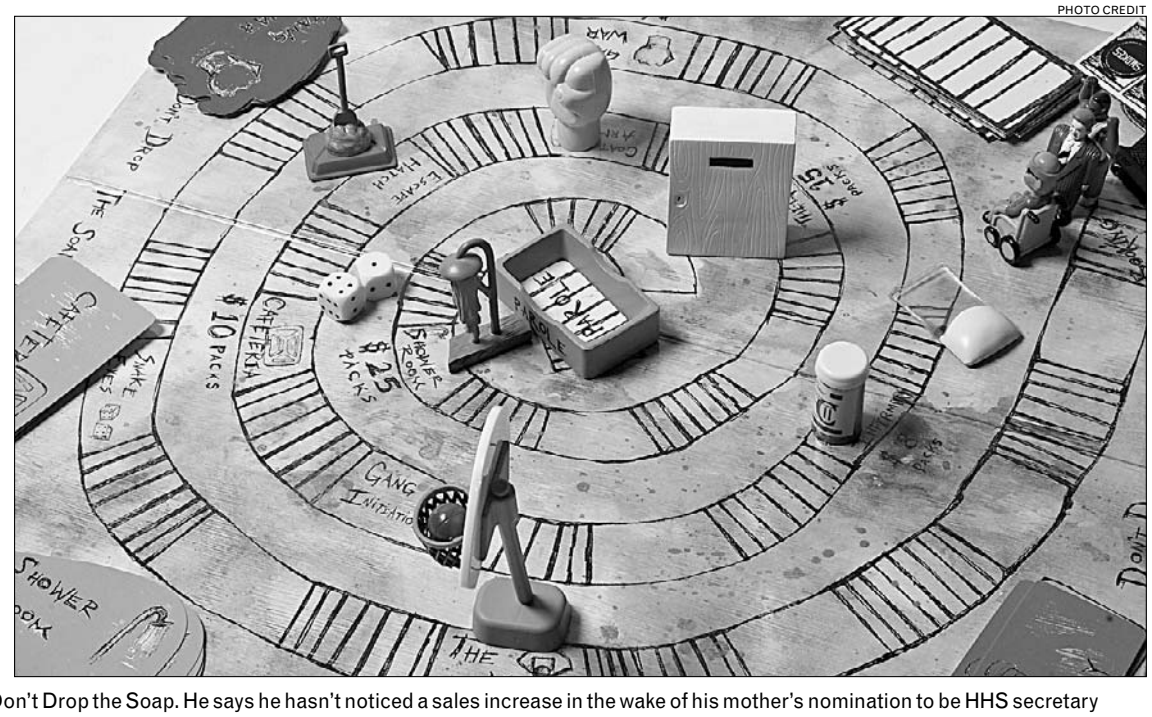

MOVE OVER, MONOPOLY: John Sebelius, 25, created the prison-theme board game Don't Drop the Soap. He says he hasn't noticed a sales increase in the wake of his mother's nomination to be HHS secretary

Leisure

Son of Obama's HHS secretary pick created a dicey jail diversion

Game Changer

Sebelius

Take a guess. Which question probably won't come up at Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' congressional hearing?

What is your stance on abortion?

Do you believe in a universal health care program?

What do you think of the board game Don't Drop the Soap?

OK, so the answer is obvious.

Still, asking President Obama's nominee for secretary of health and human services whether she knows of this atypical board game isn't as far-fetched as one would think. After all, her 25-year-old son, John Sebelius, created it.

"I initially made it as a fun college game my friends could play," John Sebelius said by phone from his home in Lawrence, Kan. Soap started as a class assignment during Sebelius' senior year at the Rhode Island School of Design: In 2006, Sebelius and his fellow students were asked to create a board game from scratch. But rather than play it safe — after all, his mother is a politician — Sebelius opted to roll the creative dice.

His end game? A hilarious yet artful romp in which five players vie to be the first out of jail.

It's Monopoly meets "Prison Break." Except, in lieu of that adorable thimble, participants opt for game pieces such as a bag of cocaine or an Italian mobster. And rather than starting at Go, this hop-scotch journey begins at central booking before traversing jail joints such as the infirmary and the shower room (which lends the game its, uh, unique name — if you don't get it, Google it; or better, don't). All inmates are bent on reaching the parole board in order to get sprung. Whoever does so first, wins.

"It's more for niche markets," Sebelius said, "because the game is very blue — comedy-wise."

After having 3,000 copies of the game produced last January — the smallest unit Sebelius says he could order — he's sold almost 1,000 to date through his company Gillius Inc. ($35, Gilliusinc.com). There hasn't been a sales spike as a result of President Obama's selection of his mother last Monday, and her son doesn't expect one. Typically, a few copies of Don't Drop the Soap are bought each week by those who stumble upon it through Wikipedia or by Kansans who enjoy it for a local laugh. "The correlation will always be there because she's my mom, but no one's pushing that as an angle. I'm definitely not."

While her son isn't shilling the connection, the governor isn't shirking from it either.

A press inquiry to the governor's office last February provided Express with Sebelius' son's contact information in the first place.

"We both recognize she has a job to do, and I have a job to do," Sebelius said. "It's reciprocal of being prideful of your family and making sure everyone knows where my intentions were with the game. There was no ill will when the game was created; that's why the support was there. It's definitely reciprocated. I don't see her having a problem getting confirmed."

PLAY ON: Inmates can bribe one another with "smokes" cards, and the "Glock," center, is a game token. A mini OxyContin bottle denotes the infirmary's board spot.

So, while the elder Sebelius advances her career in the political arena, the younger will scale back his involvement in the board-game world. Presently, he has a wide array of creative projects in the works: He's selling custom-designed T-shirts on his Web site, serving as an editorial director of the recently launched trend-spotter StyleLusts.com and is the co-creator of the photography showcase site Fotoseen.com.

> "We both recognize she has a job to do, and I have a job to do."
>
> **JOHN SEBELIUS**, DESIGNER

With all of these ventures in play, Sebelius is prepared to drop Soap. "This will definitely be the last game I make," he said.

But what about one on the health care system?

He laughed at the suggestion, but needn't worry, anyway: That's Mom's job. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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FILM

Camp Classics

Back before "Glitter" or "Gigli," "Howard the Duck" — out now on DVD — was one of the most notable box-office bombs of the 1980s. But Meg Zamula gives some other options for those who prefer campy '80s amusement in combination with legitimate entertainment. | ONLINE NOW

CD REVIEW

Always an 'Idol'

Taylor Hicks was an unlikely "American Idol" winner. Now, dropped from his major label, Hicks self-released his new CD, "The Distance." Catherine Lewis wonders why "The Distance" still sounds like an "American Idol" album if he really is striking out on his own. | ONLINE NOW

MUSIC

Have I Told You ...

... lately that I hate you? The release of the deluxe edition of 1993's "Unplugged ... and Seated" has given Stephen M. Deusner a chance to vent his spleen on the mod Rod — and lay into what he calls the worst rock record ever. | ONLINE NOW

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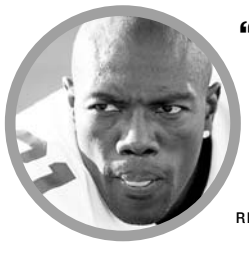
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

GIVEN HIS HISTORY, WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE THE REDSKINS SIGN TERRELL OWENS?

NO 74% | **YES** 26%



"T.O. is a cancer for team morale. The guy clearly isn't as dominant as he was four years ago. He's not worth it. Keep [Santana] Moss and [Antwaan] Randle El; they're still solid."

COMMENTER CHRIS, RESPONDING TO FRIDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "GIVEN HIS HISTORY, WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE THE REDSKINS SIGN TERRELL OWENS?"

T.O. undoubtedly has talent, but he is not a team player; he is a raging egomaniac. If he can trash a pretty good quarterback like Donovan McNabb, he will reduce Jason Campbell to tears."

COMMENTER CHAOS THEORIST, WHO ADDED, "BRING HIM ON!"

No athlete, no matter how talented, is worth the kind of hassle T.O. brings with him — wherever he is. "

COMMENTER PHILIMUS, WHO ADDED, "THE GUY HAS A KNACK FOR PULLING TEAMS APART RATHER THAN BRINGING OUT THEIR BEST."

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Blog LOG

"I have faith that most of the people in the area won't take advantage. However, I am not a fool. So, I shall keep an eye out."

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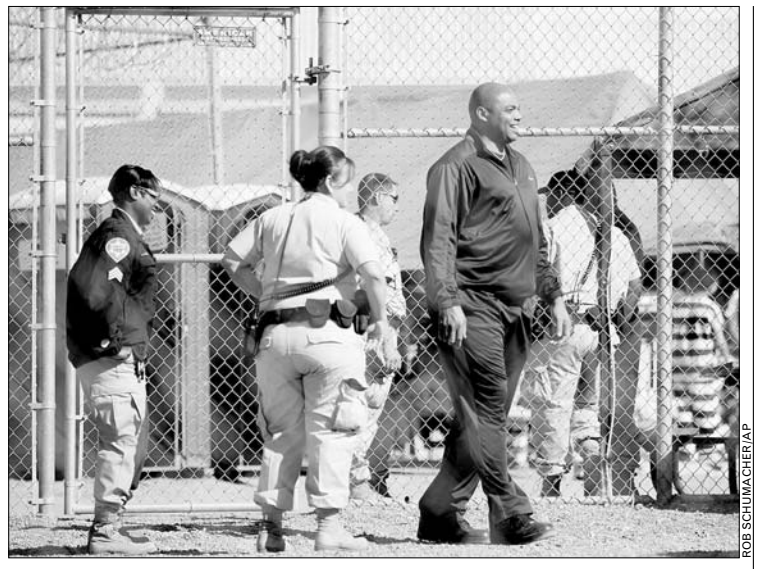

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"Seriously, being in jail — even for a day — is no joke, but something tells me ol' Chuck is going to be just fine."

DEADSPIN.COM DOESN'T THINK BASKETBALL ANALYST CHARLES BARKLEY IS DOING HARD TIME DURING HIS THREE-DAY SENTENCE IN AN ARIZONA JAIL FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING.

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"So, they have a anti-youth violence concert in downtown Silver Spring [Saturday night] and a brawl breaks out. And some wonder why people wouldn't want a go-go concert in their backyard."

SILVERSPRINGSINGULAR.COM FULLY UNDERSTANDS WHY NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVISTS WERE AGAINST THE LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB'S PLANNING GO-GO EVENTS.

Discussions

Economic Analysis

JOE BRUSUELAS, senior economist with Moody'sEconomy.com — an independent provider of economic analysis, data, and forecasting and credit risk management — was online Friday and answered questions about the continuing economic downturn.

With the recession heating up, how many more major retailers can we expect to go out of business? Who would be at the top of the list?

Well, I cannot name names so to speak. What I can tell you is that the decline in equity values is having a real impact. For every $1 decline in equity wealth, I expect to see a 2-cent decline in spending. This will disproportionately hit wealthier households. Since 5 percent of the population owns half of all the assets in the country, the negative wealth effect will hit luxury retailers quite hard.

Isn't Wall Street giving President Obama's stimulus program a thumbs down?

Let me say this: The market has not responded well to the budget proposal. I do think that the negative move in the market is at least partially a response to the proposed increase in taxes and the expansive vision put forward by the president. However, the primary cause for recent upsets in equity markets has far more to do with the toxic sludge on the balance sheets of troubled financials and corporates than the political theater in D.C.

Do you think GM will declare bankruptcy? Network reports I saw on the news said it wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing for them do to, but it would be sort of a PR nightmare. What do you think?

One would hope that any potential bankruptcy of any of the big three auto companies would be orderly. However, should any of the big three move into bankruptcy, it may quite difficult for the firm to resurface whole on the other side.

How long until the stress tests are complete? If we keep propping up zombie banks, it will greatly impair whatever benefits the stimulus package will bring.

According to the U.S. Treasury, the stress tests should be wrapped up by early April.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Amy Dickinson, author of the advice column "Ask Amy," discusses how she learned to give advice to others at 1 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

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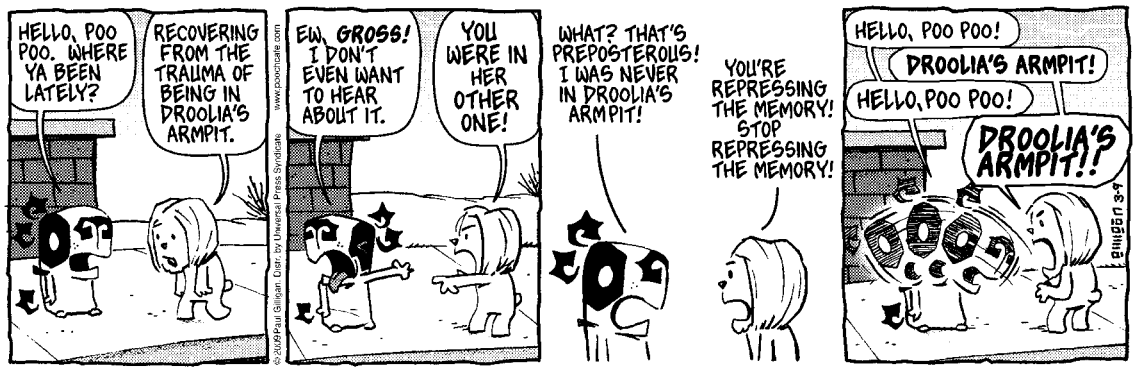

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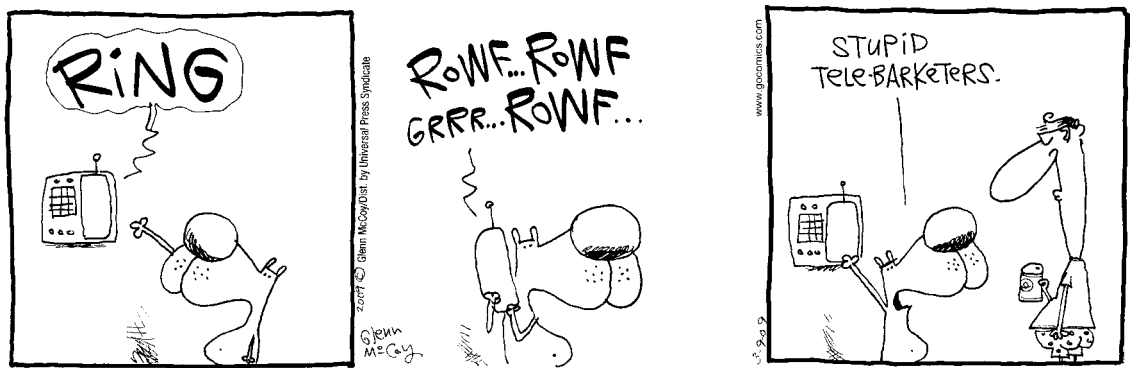

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Though you are usually quite outspoken, you may want to take a backseat and let someone else capture the attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't overlook one small but essential detail as you move forward. Anything out of place can be hazardous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The more fearful you are of making an error, the more likely you will be to make one. Be sure of yourself, and be somewhat fearless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A structured approach to the day will serve you best; avoid those who would have you abandon your plans and wing it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to be swept away by someone whose energy, confidence and flair are irresistible. Don't abandon your own plans, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be unaware of some of the dangers that can spring up. Never fear, however; someone you know and trust is looking out for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's important that you do things in the proper order. Failure to follow proper procedures may put a pet project at risk at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll have others wanting to join forces with you. You don't want to sacrifice too much of your independence, however, so use care.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can prove to others that you are indeed trustworthy. This is a timely development, as you'll need their trust to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can maintain a positive, friendly, supportive attitude and demeanor, even while pursuing a secret agenda.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Loyalty is to be more valued throughout the day than usual. You can put a personal stamp on a project that is nearing completion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The predictions of others needn't affect your attitude, motives or methods. You have what it takes to shape your own future.

Letters

Withdraw Forces From Iraq

I'M GLAD President Obama is working to bring our troops home from Iraq, but I am furious by his decision to push that withdrawal back to August 2010. This marks a broken promise to the American people, who want our troops home now. I call on Obama and his administration to immediately withdraw all U.S. troops, contractors and mercenary forces from Iraq. The U.S. government should increase efforts in diplomacy, humanitarian aid and refugee resettlement, instead.

—EVIN MARÍA ELDRIDGE
Rockville, Md.

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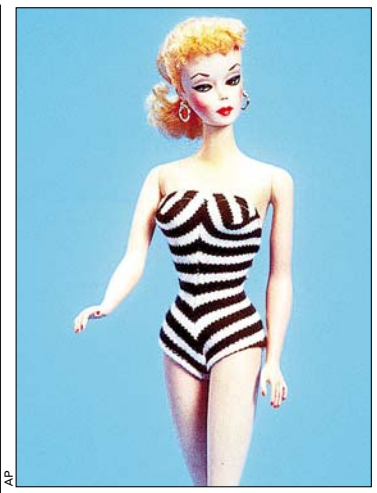
1932 Eamon de Valera is appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

1954 CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviews Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on "See It Now."

1959 Mattel's Barbie doll debuts publicly at the American International Toy Fair in New York.



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Barbie debuted on this day in 1959.

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The badly beehived just won't behave.

FISTICUFFS

Lead in 'Million Dollar Baby: The Musical' Announced

AMY WINEHOUSE was charged with assault Thursday for allegedly attacking a fan at an end-of-summer ball in London on Sept. 26. Sherene Flash, 30, has been quoted by tabloid newspapers as saying the singer hit her in the eye. (AP)

COSMETICS

'Jai Ho' Lip Plumper Expected to Sweep Faces

WENN reports "Slumdog Millionaire" beauty **FREIDA PINTO** has signed a six-figure contract with Estee Lauder. If true, Pinto will become the first Asian spokesperson for the major beauty brand. (EXPRESS)

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CASTING

On the Rebound

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BUSTED

Trouble Smacks One-Hit-Wonder In the Face

Coolio may take his devil-may-care hair to prison.

Authorities say they have arrested **COOLIO** on suspicion of drug possession. The rapper was arrested and booked after being stopped at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday morning. Jail records indicate the 45-year-old rapper was being held on felony narcotics possession. Coolio, whose real name is Artis Leon Ivey Jr., was being held on $10,000 bail. Coolio was arrested in June on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for driving with a suspended license. (AP)

SO OVER

Couple Extend Second Staycation in Splitsville

Talk show host **JIMMY KIMMEL** and comedian **SARAH SILVERMAN** have split up for the second time in less than a year. Usmagazine.com reports the pair, who dated for six years, have gone their separate ways, for good. "He's really blue — very down," a source told Us. "Seems like it's over for good this time. Kimmel just bought a new place and now has nobody to share it with." (EXPRESS)

MEDIA

Gayle to Oprah: 'But You Said I'd Be on the Cover First!'

For the first time, **OPRAH WINFREY** is sharing the cover of her magazine with somebody else: first lady **MICHELLE OBAMA**. Winfrey showed off the cover of the April issue during her show broadcast Friday. The mogul had gone solo on the O magazine cover for nine years. (AP)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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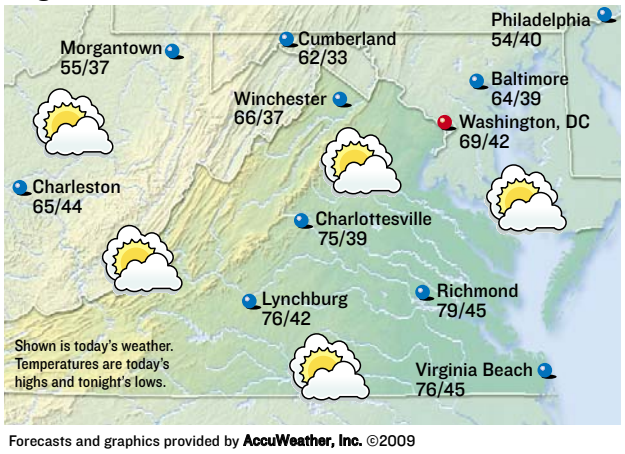

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Normal month to date	0.92"
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D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy. High 69. Wind north-northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, increasingly cloudy. Low 42. Wind northeast 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:09 p.m.
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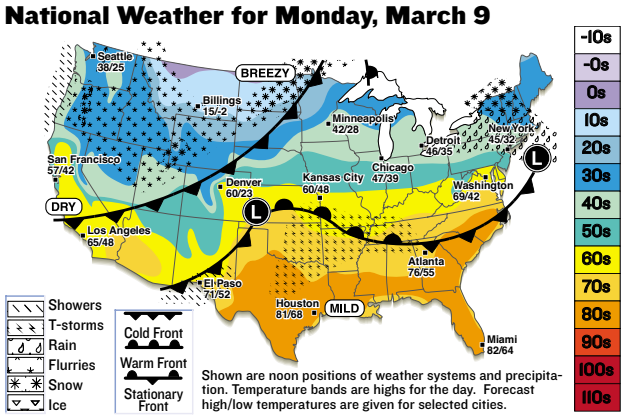

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/55/pc	81/55/pc
Boston	37/27/sn	41/34/pc
Chicago	47/39/pc	51/23/t
Dallas	81/65/t	80/51/t
Denver	60/23/pc	38/16/pc
Honolulu	78/67/pc	79/68/pc
Los Angeles	65/48/s	67/48/s
Miami	82/64/s	82/66/s
New York City	45/32/r	42/38/r
Orlando	84/57/s	84/57/s
Seattle	38/25/sf	42/26/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
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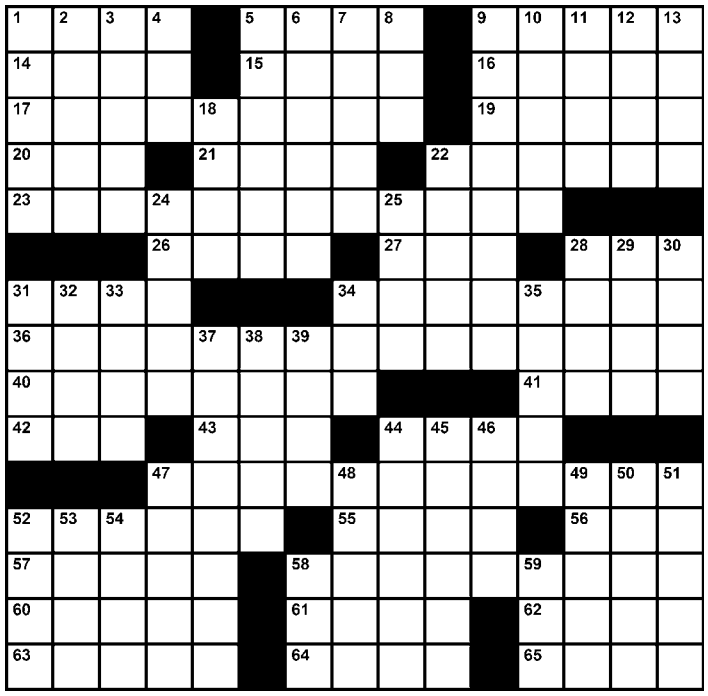

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1 "Como ___ usted?"
5 Act saucy
9 William Tell's target
14 Cousin of the pintail
15 Eight, in Argentina
16 Town employee of yore
17 Soothing beverage
19 Ship of fuels
20 Paranormal power, for short
21 Statue's bottom
22 Stereo components
23 Part of a rodeo
26 Yoked animals
27 Incomparable ending
28 Cake partner
31 Org. involved with the Scopes trial
34 Accepted as true
36 Lost on the battlefield
40 Commendation
41 Mandlikova of the courts
42 Bro's relative
43 Newsy channel
44 Solo for the fat lady?
47 Utter mayhem
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55 Theater award
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57 Up in arms
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60 Revealing skirts
61 Field of study
62 First name in fashion
63 Redolence
64 Sibilant summons
65 Some loaves

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2 Words with "ghost" or "way out"
3 Diamond covers
4 Clerical gown
5 Comfort in sorrow
6 Follows, as advice
7 Early TV bishop
8 "___ guy walks into a bar"
9 Guitar with no plug
10 Finger feature
11 Stack
12 Offensive expression
13 Goofs
18 "Life is like ___ of chocolates"
22 Electrical pioneer Nikola
24 March king
25 Suffix with four or six, but not five
28 Nike competitor
29 Author Uris
30 Mystery writer Buchanan
31 Gremlins and Pacers
32 103, in old Rome
33 WWII transports
34 Storage container
35 Wharton's Frome
37 Most in need of calamine lotion
38 Forty-___ (gold rush participant)
39 Vanished
44 Strolls leisurely
45 Criticize harshly
46 Prefix with "gram" or "graph"
47 Pillow material
48 Laughs loudly
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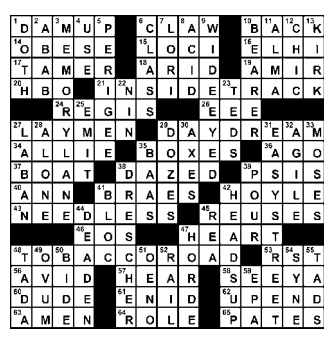

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Friday's Solution

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HOOKED UP: Lance Hayden, 32, simplified his life by combining the potentials of his computer, hard drive and music player. Hayden tapped into free, online DIY information to declutter his work space himself.

Striking the Cords

AT HOME AND AT WORK, GADGETS MUST BE KEPT ORGANIZED AND JUICED UP

IN YOUR SPRING cleaning this year, spare a thought for the gadgets—the cell phone, iPod, Treo, digital camera — that clutter your desk or dining room table.

While you're at it, see whether you can't do something about the

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40 THE NUMBER OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS THE AVERAGE AMERICAN KEEPS PLUGGED IN, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OFF. (GOOD MAGAZINE)

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Cutting the Cords

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tangle of cords that connect said items to your laptop, or to the electrical outlet, and the carrying cases that were designed to keep them in pristine condition. If kept juiced up and well-organized, these are productivity-*enhancing* items, not productivity-obliterating ones.

If your device pileup is giving you fits, you're not alone. Washington — a city where dwells a certain BlackBerry-addicted president, and where staying connected and informed is a source of deep pride — is rife with folks with "gadget problems," as Amanda Orr puts it.

Communications consultant

DOING, RENEWING THE MATH

As new products emerge — hello, Kindle2! — measure the potential waste and value — hello, Craigslist! — of what's at home already.

2.25: The amount, in millions of tons, of TVs, cell phones and computer products disposed of in 2008.

18: The percentage of the above that was recycled.

304: The number, in millions, of electronics removed from American homes in 2005.

66: The percentage of these electronics that were still in working order.

976: The number, in millions, of all TVs, computers and peripherals, and cell phones sold between 1980 and 2004 estimated to still be in use or reuse.

61: The percentage of CRT monitors and TVs collected for recycling that were exported for remanufacture in '05.

6: The percentage of CRT monitors and TVs collected for recycling that remained in North America for lead recovery. (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

Washington is rife with 'gadget problems' as Amanda Orr puts it.

Orr, 40, shares two mobile phones, one iPod and one BlackBerry with her husband. Yet even four devices compete for space on the kitchen counter top of their Northwest D.C. home.

Why the kitchen? "We can remember where they are when we are running out, but it's not the best location," says Orr, since the

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OUT WITH THE OLD

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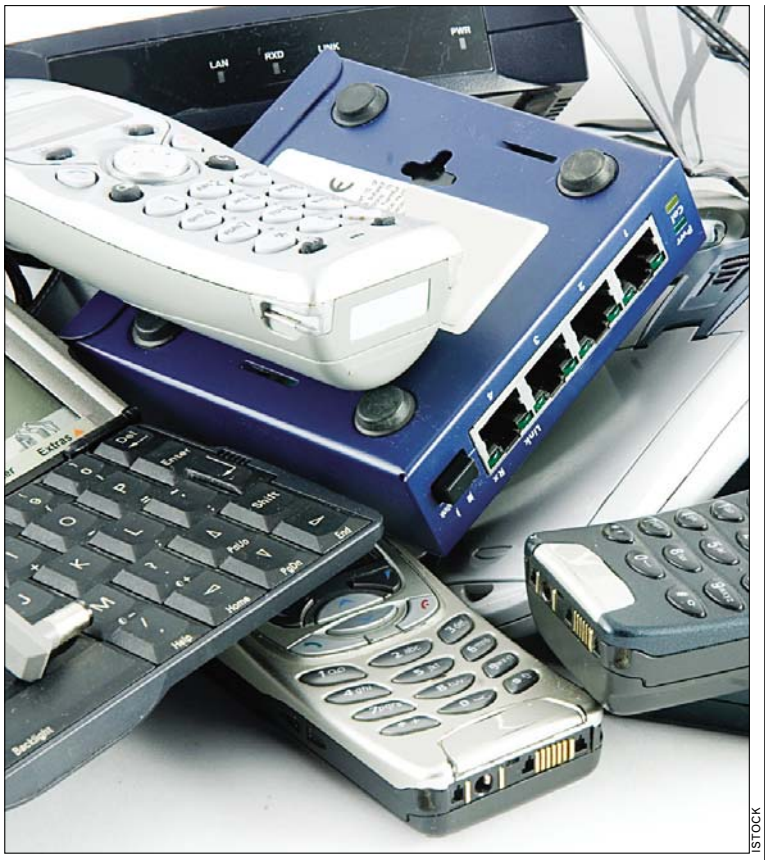
Expert advice may make you think twice — about things like how to save a money by buying a new cell phone.

➜ **BE GREEN AS YOU PURGE:** Sites like **GAZELLE.COM** recycle old devices and may even pay you for them. Check the D.C. government's Web site for information about recycling cell phones, computers and other electronics: http://tinyurl.com/dcrecycle.

➜ **CONSIDER AN UPGRADE:** Sure, you love your three-year-old cell phone, but consider that a more recent model may also let you send e-mail, listen to tunes, take photos and save precious space in your bag or briefcase.

➜ **IT'S IN THE BAG**: Low-tech though they may be, plastic self-closing sandwich baggies corral loose cords, batteries, memory cards and the like. Mark each bag with a label ("Treo stuff"), then gather them in a box or basket near the gadgets themselves.



ISTOCK

MISSING LINKS: Multiplatform devices erase the need for more gadgets and cords.

spot has only two outlets for the four gadgets. Throw an inquisitive child into the mix, and the situation becomes that much more precarious; the couple's toddler loves to yank the dangling cords.

> "I get my clients to have a place [akin] to a mail catcher — a gadget catcher."
>
> **JUDY PARKINS**, ORGANIZER

Over on Capitol Hill, Lance Hayden — art director for a satellite company, proud new dad and self-described tinkerer — has successfully streamlined some of his electronic clutter.

After Hayden, 32, loaded his entire CD collection onto his iPod, he used a decade-old stereo receiver to stream it through his speakers, with an assist from Apple's AirPort Express. A devoted Apple fan, Hayden says the company's Web site has detailed DIY information.

Hayden has also managed to cut down on the number of wires linking gadget A to gadget B: "The [cord] I use to hook my digital camera to my laptop is the same one I use to hook up my new external hard drive." Remaining cords and chargers have a home in a coffee table with compartments.

Having a designated "landing pad" for gadgets and their accessories will aid in corralling them, says Judy Parkins, founder of personal-organization company Gently Organized, based in Alexandria.

"I try to get my clients to have a place [akin] to a mail catcher or key catcher — a gadget catcher," says Parkins. "It can be something as small as a basket with a power strip behind the table on which the basket sits. Or, you can invest in a product specifically made for the task of storing and charging small electronics: a charging valet, offered

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by retailers including Brookstone and Crate & Barrel, which contains small compartments for the gadgets themselves and holes through which you can thread — and hide — unsightly cords.

Strauss says devices 'make my work life blur into my regular life.'

It may be stating the obvious: Fewer devices mean fewer things to keep track of. Kathy Strauss, a graphic designer and photographer in Lake Ridge, Va., is consolidating to a BlackBerry — combining phone calls, e-mail, Web access and other features — after carrying both a Palm and a cell phone for years. She hopes she can remember to charge the one gadget, since she admits she's not been always diligent about keeping the two fully powered up.

Another thing Strauss, 52, did to reduce her cord count was to turn her Palm into a de facto MP3 player. She loaded her CDs onto an external hard drive, synced the Palm to the drive and then popped her iPod headphones into the Palm.

For better or worse, Strauss' devices "make my work life blur into my regular life." Since our gadget-mad world shows no signs of rolling back to rotary phones and record players, you may as well organize the devices you have. Just don't forget to keep 'em juiced. AMY ROGERS NAZAROV

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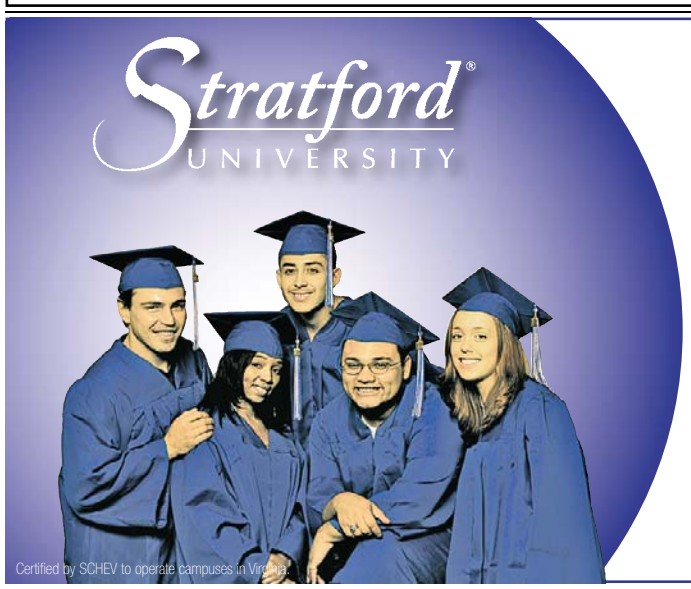

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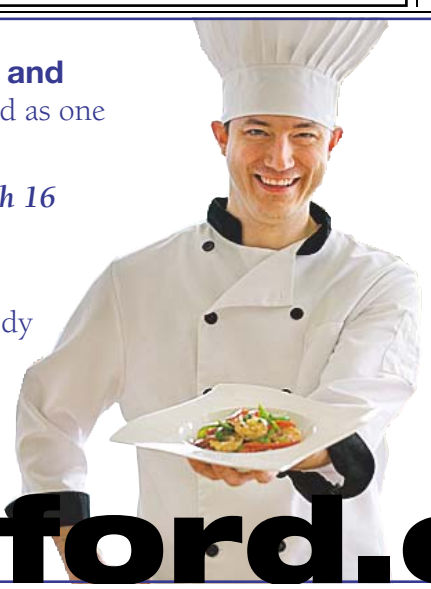

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WEAVING THE WEB: Chuck Borowicz wanted to design Web pages but was sidetracked by the dot-com crash. Nine years later, he's finally doing what he loves.

He's the Web Master

Chuck Borowicz knows switching career tracks may require training

AS AN ELECTRONIC IMAGING major at Northern Michigan University, Chuck Borowicz, 31, dreamed of creating graphical interfaces for the Web. Nine years later, that's what he's doing — but it required an 800-mile move and a second degree for him.

When the tech bubble burst in 2000, it wasn't a great time for a fledgling techie to seek work. Borowicz moved back in with his parents and joined the Cheboygan Daily Tribune in Michigan, creating ads and doing newspaper layout. "I got sidetracked," he says. "It was 'I need a job, and this is what's available where I am now.'"

Though the work was interesting at first, eventually, nothing was large enough — the job, the paper, the town, his space. "I fell out of love toward the end," Borowicz says, "and me living at home wasn't the best situation for any of us." Here are some lessons Borowicz has learned about changing career tracks.

LESSON 1: Have a specific goal, and stick to it. "Listen to your heart," he says. "What do you enjoy? You can't go to a job you hate every day."

In 2006, Borowicz's cousin Denise Peloquin of Stafford, Va., heard of his plight and invited him to stay with her family until he found his footing.

Realizing he had to update his skills for the type of job he wanted, Borowicz researched Web-design programs and found the Art Institute in New York City. But the Big Apple was too expensive.

But the Art Institute had a Rosslyn branch. The distance from Peloquin's home to Rosslyn was doable. After crunching some numbers, Borowicz moved east.

LESSON 2: "If you need new training, do it." For a tech job, "I needed it or I'd be laughed out of anywhere I applied," Borowicz says.

In early 2007, he started the Art Institute of Washington's associate's degree in Web design and interactive media (703-358-9550; Artinstitutes.edu). The six-quarter program — which covers topics including CSS, JavaScript, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Flash and InDesign — costs $1,700 per class. The associate's degree consists of 24 classes; a newer, part-time diploma program — aimed at career changers with a college degree — is made up of 12.

LESSON 3: Stash your cash. "I'm glad I had enough saved to change course," Borowicz says. But even a part-time job as AIW's resident graphic artist didn't allow for an apartment; Borowicz stayed with Peloquin for 1 1/2 years.

"You learn how to incorporate all kinds of technology into the Web, not just to build sites," says department chair Dana Wortman. Graduates who have just the associate's degree or a diploma can expect starting salaries of $35,000 to $50,000, she says; with a bachelor's, too, you can start at $45,000 to $60,000.

The AIW program takes all ages from high school up. Borowicz saw some younger students "who goofed around, didn't do the homework." But he had chosen an accelerated program for a reason — to learn so he could earn.

LESSON 4: "Surround yourself with smart, educated people, and learn from them."

AIW's career-services office helped him snag a fall 2007 internship at the National Air and Space Museum. He worked with its Web team to sell a book commemorating the Sputnik satellite by incorporating excerpts, photos, and promotional material.

> "I learned to sell myself. You have to be yourself, or they'll see through you."
>
> **CHUCK BOROWICZ**, WEB DESIGNER

LESSON 5: Do more than study at school. "It's important to have real job experience for a real client" to beat the competition later, he says.

All this paid off when Borowicz graduated summa cum laude in June 2008. The next month, he moved to Alexandria and took part-time work in his field at a music distribution company while interviewing for a full-time job. Unexpectedly, that took time: He went on so many interviews that he started to wonder what was wrong. "I learned to sell myself," Borowicz says. "You have to be yourself, or they'll see through you."

LESSON 6: "Have faith in yourself and your capabilities," even if months go by. "I'd left everything behind, and I wasn't going to go back."

In September, Borowicz started at EFX Media in Arlington, creating Web sites with Flash. "I design and code high-end Web-based marketing and communications solutions," he says. The company's clients can get both video content and a platform to host it on.

As an interactive designer, Borowicz says, "I feel I get to play every day." The work takes both creative and analytical thought as he makes sure his designs function from every angle.

These days, his hours are many, but now that school is over, the Midwesterner finds time to enjoy Washington, including its monuments and the Mall. "We don't have these things back home," he says. "And it's free! This is amazing!"

The final, ongoing lesson: Maintain your skills. "When you do what you want to be doing, you'll want to keep up. You'll like to. If you don't, you might want to reassess where you're at, career-wise." And perhaps start all over again.

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AGENTS OF CHANGE: Professional coaches drive clients to draft game plans.

A New Take On Coaching

Some folks hire a professional adviser; others just become one

WITH THE ECONOMY in flux, many workers are reconsidering their career paths. Indeed, most of the six women who attended Sandy Brody's "So, You Want to be a Coach?" class in February want to make themselves more marketable.

"People come ask me for advice all the time; not just legal, just everything," says one attendee, attorney Leslie Brown. "So, I was, like, 'Wait a second. Maybe this is a sign.'"

Unlike sports coaching, in which a leader tells players what to do, a professional coach prompts people to discover their own game plan, says Brody, who has taught the class eight times.

"This is really asking the right questions and eliciting the answers from the client," she says.

The basics

The four-hour, two-night "So, You Want to be a Coach?" course is an introduction to life, executive, and career coaching.

Brody, who began coaching training in 2002, urges potential coaches to remember the clients are the experts. "The client knows [their goals], but ... they can't see it," she says. Coaches ask questions that force people to face their fears and take off their blinders.

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What you'll learn

Brody asks class members to coach one another in mock sessions. Students also learn various routes to coaching — such as earning a certificate or a degree from a university.

"There are a variety of ways to get these skills," says Brody, who has a master's in adult learning and certification from the Coaches Institute.

What's the deal?

"So, You Want to be a Coach?" is offered through Arlington Adult Education. The class costs $50 for Arlington residents and $65 for nonresidents. The next course will be held in May. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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Roll With the Punches

How the owner of Big Wheel Bikes stores plans to ride out the crash

MOST YEARS AROUND this time I visit Big Wheel Bikes in Bethesda and fork over about $80 to get my 10-speed tuned up so I am ready for the summer. It's up there with my other costly spring rituals such as paying someone to put up the awnings, removing the storm windows, buying the mulch, checking the air conditioning, garden stuff, etc.

I called Big Wheels' owner, Mike Sendar, who is a part-time tax attorney, a sports junkie and a sometime blogger (Sportsbard.com).

I asked him how the bicycle business is doing.

"My 2008 was level with 2007 until the second half of October, November and December, which were dramatically down from the year before," Sendar said.

How far down? About 20 percent.

Is he making money?

"I always make money," said Sendar, who is 62 and started selling bikes in 1971, which was the dawn of a miserable decade for the economy. "I wouldn't be in business if I didn't make money."

Aside from Bethesda, Sendar's other stores are in Georgetown on 33rd Street NW, just a few yards from the C&O Canal; in a commercial "power center" in Arlington; and in Old Town Alexandria, half a block off the Potomac River.

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'I ALWAYS MAKE MONEY,' says Big Wheel Bikes owner Mike Sendar, who says he's prepared for a period of "little or no" business.

The Arlington store is his anchor; at 4,400 square feet, it's three times the size of the others. Mike estimates he sells about 2,000 new bikes a year.

Weather is everything. Stores are empty when it rains and full on the sunny weekends. Sendar keeps stores open seven days a week through spring, summer and fall. May is his best month, with sales five times that of November, January and February.

Big Wheel Bikes grosses between $2.5 and $3 million annually and earns Sendar a comfortable six-figure income. He leaves a bunch of cash in the business each year so he doesn't have to borrow. Bike sales — everything from kiddie three-wheelers to sophisticated racers — are 55 percent of revenues. Accessories such locks, racks, helmets and gloves are another 20 percent. Repairs are another 20 percent, and rentals make up the rest.

Rentals are especially hot at the Georgetown store, which benefits from tourists, and university students and their families. Rentals have nice margins because Big Wheel can charge up to $50 a day for the bikes, which means they pay for themselves quickly.

His expenses, aside from the cost of goods such as buying new bikes, are rent and payroll. Like most retailers, he is at the mercy of his landlords. He owns the Georgetown store outright, but he must negotiate leases for the rest.

He has 10 full-time employees and adds 10 part-time worker during the warm months. He doesn't have a health plan, but some key employees have a portion of their health insurance reimbursed. Sendar used to spend $40,000 a year on advertising, but the Internet does his work for him now, so he doesn't spend a cent.

> "If I'm getting a 20 percent decline from last year, I'm in real trouble.
>
> **MIKE SENDAR**, BIG WHEEL BIKES

Sendar isn't sure exactly what the recession will mean for his business. This winter has been unusually slow, but then winter sales are hardly the best barometer for an enterprise like his.

"If business continues to be down, I might be a losing operation," he said. So, he is cutting back on expenses wherever he can to preserve his profit.

He is not filling some usual retail slots and is working at the Arlington store one day a week. Some stores are staffed by a single person. He is concentrating the bike repair work into a few days a week, so he doesn't have to have mechanics (who earn $10 an hour and up) on duty all the time. In other words, you can drop off your

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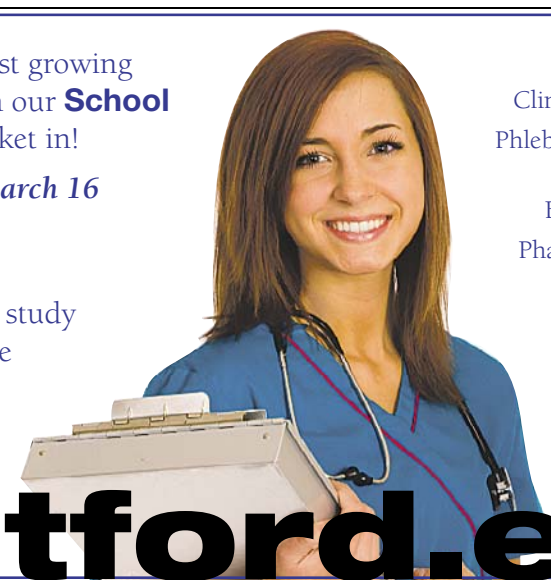

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'I SAW THE SIGNS': Sendar scaled back on his inventory buys last year to save cash.

Big Wheel's Plans

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bike and it will be ready the next day instead of the same day.

Sendar was also more conservative about ordering new bikes last fall. "I saw the signs, so I wasn't as speculative as I might have been," he said. "With respect to a couple of high-end lines of bikes, where I might have made a preseason order of $30,000 or $40,000, I did not do so last fall."

In 2002, he expanded into high-end road and triathlon bikes, but these days people are less likely to spend the $3,500 on those bikes. Given the downturn, he is going back to what he calls his "bread and butter" customers, the recreational cyclists who buy bikes priced between $300 to $1,000.

"Those prices might be less sensitive to the economy," he said.

Besides, he would rather stock 200 bikes at $500 apiece than 50 bikes at $2,000 each. Lower-priced bikes are easier to move and keep cash coming in.

He also has no bank debt. So, last fall, he set aside more cash than usual so he would have enough to weather the downturn in 2009. "I'm anticipating things won't pick up. I have to be prepared for long stretches of doing little or no business."

Mid-March is usually the kick-off to the bike season, so Sendar is going to watch the numbers carefully.

"If I'm getting a 20 percent decline from last year, I'm in real trouble," he said.

The key to making money in the bike business, like any retailer, is to get good deals from suppliers so you can get big margins on the store sales. The normal bicycle markup between wholesale and retail is 40 percent, but Sendar looks for situations where suppliers have more bikes of a model than they need.

Case in point: The Fuji Roubaix Pro Road bike has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of $1,499. Most bike stores would buy it for $750. Sendar bought 20 of them for $600 each and sold them at $1,199, which is a 50 percent margin.

He also keeps it simple.

He overexpanded to six stores in the late-1980s, including a store in Oakton, Va., and one on Vermont Avenue in the District. The expansion necessitated a Rockville warehouse, a general manager and overhead expenses, which Sendar hates. Sendar shut down the two stores, abandoned the warehouse and lost the general manager.

He got into the bike business by accident. He was a tax attorney at the Internal Revenue Service. A friend who ran an art gallery at what is now the Georgetown Big Wheel was moving the gallery, and Sendar suggested they replace it with a bike shop. He put up around $6,000 of his own money and borrowed another $4,000 from two friends. With some of that money, he launched his bike rental business.

He marched to Toys "R" Us and bought 15 Raleigh English Hercules 3-speeds for $42.99 apiece.

You've got to start somewhere.

THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Road Scholar

Meet the woman behind the wheel of a high-octane area driving school

Ever been stuck behind someone driving a Lincoln Continental? "Fast" isn't necessarily the word that comes to mind. Well, forget the cliché of a maximum speed of 25 mph.

Miriam Schottland, 73, is a far cry from the stereotypical gray-haired driver and wouldn't be caught dead behind the wheel of a Lincoln Continental. In fact, Schottland could teach us all a thing or two about cruising the road, speeding, turning, avoiding accidents, what

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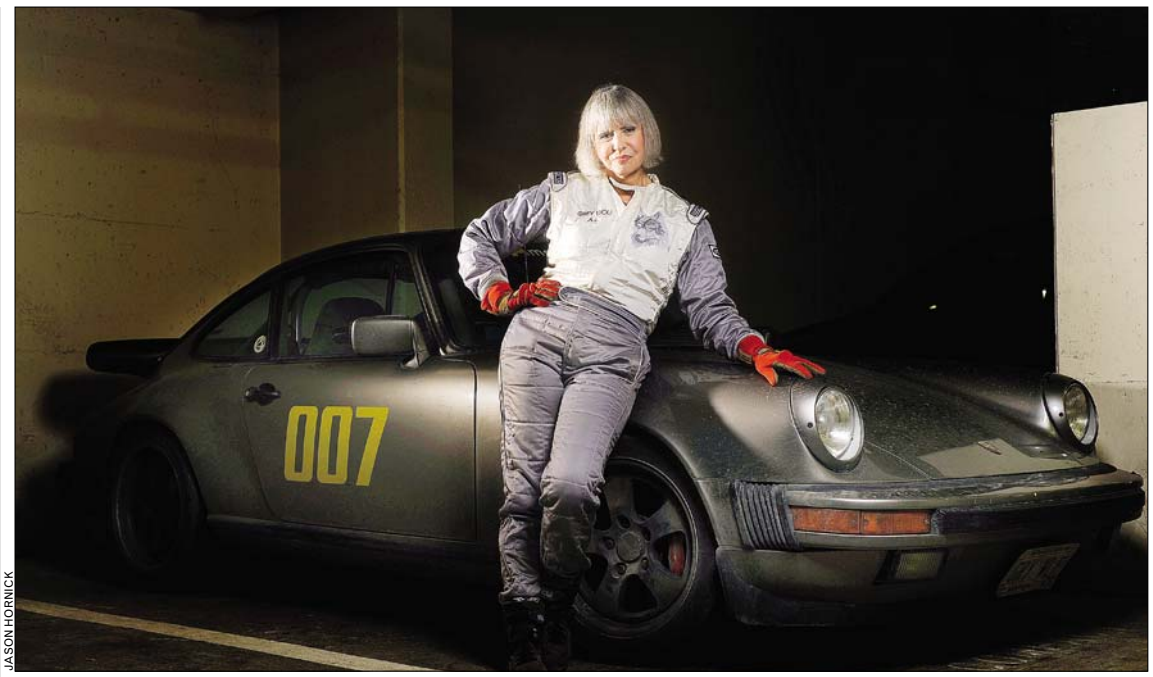

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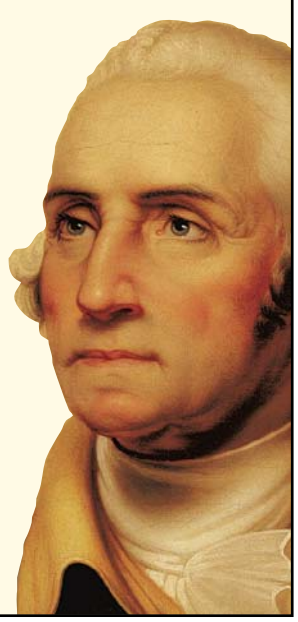

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to do when a collision is inevitable. She's fluent in the laws of physics that race car drivers use when they hit 160 mph on the track.

Since moving to Dupont Circle 20 years ago after a career as a commercial artist in New York City, Schottland has become an expert in "counterterrorism driving," and off-road and ice driving, and probably knows more about how to operate a car than most NASCAR aficionados. DriveLab, her new D.C.-area company, teaches students to become more confidently on the road. Schottland offers lectures and on-road classes, and scares the heck out of students — on a controlled course. Her original offerings include Sir Isaac Newton's Totally Awesome Car Clinic (for teens), Women on Wheels and the Cone Killers (for those who've watched "The Fast and the Furious" a few too many times).

She's also the chief instructor of five signature driving clubs in the D.C. metropolitan area (Audi, Cadillac, Corvette, Porsche and Volvo) and is an instructor for the National Auto Sports Association and Ferrari. Schottland let Express sit in the passenger seat. ROBYN MINCHER

> "I know more about driving than just about anyone. Men are intrigued by it and, yet, their egos can't take it."
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> MIRIAM SCHOTTLAND, DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

When did you first get into driving?

When I moved here, all I knew about driving is that you have pedals and you stomp on them. I saw an ad for an '82 Porsche 911 somewhere [in the suburbs]. The owner opens up the garage and there's this gleaming, evil 911. I thought, "What did I get myself into?" I didn't know how to drive a stick. How I drove back to Dupont Circle is a total blank.

How did you go from a beginner to an instructor?

I said to myself, "You've got to take the bull by the horns." My friend told me about the Porsche Club of America, Potomac region. I was assigned an instructor who was very disappointed that I was a novice; he wanted some cool chick. I spun at almost every turn. I thought to myself, "This is what hell is like." He said to me, "This is not for you; you should try some other sport." But I just kept coming back because I felt that I didn't want this car to win. Once I mastered the [Porsche 911], they asked me if I wanted to become an instructor at the track. It was about two or three years into it.

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130 mph. But that is over fast, and starting a company is excruciatingly slow. I have so many visions and plans for the company that I want to implement now, but I am very impatient and yet a perfectionist, both personality traits that are mutually exclusive that tend to annihilate one another. I have no partners to argue with — thank God, since I am a control freak. One foreseeable problem is if my potential clients would want a woman yakking to them about such a "guy" thing as driving. I know more about driving than just about anyone. Men are intrigued by it and, yet, at the same time, their egos can't take it!

Explain what "counterterrorism driving" is.
It's how to use your car as a tool for getting away from the bad guys. Say you're a diplomat from Lebanon, and you come across a barricade: What would you do?

What kind of instructing do you do with teenagers?
We put the kids through really brutal [training] — cones, slaloms, braking and skid pad drills. At the end of the day, the kids said driving should be taught by physics teachers.

When people sign up for the courses and see that you're their instructor, what's their reaction?
Another instructor once told me that I don't look like a counterterrorism instructor, maybe because I don't have cauliflower ears. I was an instructor at the BMW Club. One time, I picked up my assigned students and [these guys] had gold chains on. I thought, "This is going to be fun. I'm going to bake them." I started checking out their cars, and the guy comes up and goes, "Can I help you, honey?" I said "Sure, I'm your instructor. Let's get in the car." Later, he said, "I've learned more from you than my 30 years of driving." I'm very tough in the car — I'll smack someone. Someone said you can always tell Miriam's students; they always come out black and blue.

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> **MIRIAM SCHOTTLAND,** DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

What do you want people to leave with after attending one of your courses or lectures?
Forget everything you've learned. No one realizes that driving is applied physics. I demonstrate Isaac Newton's laws of motion. I go into using your eyes; most people don't know how or where to look, especially when they get into trouble. You're traveling 96 feet in one second on a highway going 65 miles an hour. Instinct is generally going against you when you drive a car. A little bit of knowledge of applied physics will go a long, long way.

What keeps your energy up?
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